

August 18, 2009

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Kaine:

In the past few days, I have been briefed on the application to be submitted by Seawind Renewable Energy Corporation to the Mineral Management Service for authorization to locate a 150 to 250 turbine wind-farm off the coast of Virginia Beach. While this specific application is still confidential and, consequently, not available for discussion by the Virginia Beach Vision Board of Directors, our organization has been engaged in discussions regarding the potential economic and environmental impact of wind to energy technology for Hampton Roads and is excited about the possibilities.

Virginia Beach Vision is a non-profit, non-partisan, issues oriented organization comprised of CEO-level business and community leaders. As such, our focus is on building opportunities for the future economic vitality and quality of life in the Hampton Roads region. The potential offered by wind to energy technology application off our shores, as proposed by Seawind, could create 1,000 high paying full-time jobs during the construction phase and 200 full-time permanent jobs for operations with a projected capital investment of \$2.5 billion. Additionally, it could well create an opportunity to reopen the former Ford Plant in Norfolk to build turbine rotors, with transport by waterway. Beyond its economic potential, the proposed wind-farm could generate clean energy sufficient to power all residential needs in the cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk.

The Seawind proposal represents opportunity to position Hampton Roads and Virginia as an industry leader and hub for alternative energy technologies and generation. We encourage your active engagement in moving this and related opportunities expeditiously through the state and federal permitting process.

Respectfully,

Stephen R. Davis
President

Cc: The Honorable William D. Sessoms, Jr.